

Oregon Historic Site Form

McGinn Apartments
169 1st
Hillsboro, Washington County

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME

address: 169 NE 1st ☐ apprx. addr

historic name: McGinn Apartments

Hillsboro ☐ vcnt Washington County

current/
other names:

Optional Information

assoc addresses:
(former addresses, intersections, etc.)

location descr:
(remote sites)

block nbr: _____ lot nbr: _____ tax lot nbr: _____
township: 1N range: 2 W section: 31 1/4: _____
zip: _____

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

resource type: building height (# stories): 2

total # eligible resources: 1 total # ineligible resources: ☐

elig. evaluation: eligible/contributing

NR status: _____

primary constr date: 1946 (c.) ☐ secondary date: 1985 (c.) ☐
(optional--use for major addns)

NR date listed: _____ (indiv listed only; see
Grouping for hist dist)

primary orig use: Multiple Dwelling

orig use comments: _____

secondary orig use: _____

primary style: Moderne

prim style comments: _____

secondary style: _____

sec style comments: _____

primary siding: Stucco

siding comments: _____

secondary siding: _____

plan type: _____

architect: _____

builder: _____

comments/notes:

GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS

survey project
name or other
grouping name Hillsboro Local Inventory Update 2008 2008

Survey & Inventory Project

farmstead/cluster name:

external site #: 22
(ID# used in city/agency database)

SHPO INFO FOR THIS PROPERTY

NR date listed: _____

ILS survey date: _____

RLS survey date: 7/1/2008

Gen File date: _____

106 Project(s)



East façade

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ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(Include expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings, and alterations)

Architectural Description: This two story structure is constructed in a Moderne style and is perhaps the only example of this type in the City of Hillsboro. It is composed in a complex plan, its configuration modulated by projections which in part articulate the uses of spaces within the structure. The stucco-clad elevations are further articulated by horizontal scoring which provides scale and ornamentation to the otherwise plain elevations. A concrete foundation houses a full basement. The roof is flat and is obscured by a parapet with a simple coping detail. The facade is symmetrical, with the entry placed in the center of the volume in a vertical, recessed space. A glass-block wall lights the east elevation of this entry space. A neon sign, which reads, "McGinn Apts", is found above the glass door. The fenestrations of this volume consist of adjacent small rectangular 6-paned casements with larger windows wrapping the corner of the volume: these appear on three levels. Another similar entry is located on the north elevation, also featuring a glass block skin.

HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period [preferably to the present])

Historical Significance: As one of the only examples of the Moderne Style, the McGinn Apartment complex is considered a primary and significant resource. John and Irma McGinn purchased the lots from J.W. Bailey in December of 1943 and construction was completed in 1946. They were the sole owners of the property until 1968 when it was sold to Jack N. and Norma Seabold. A joint venture was formed in 1972 called FISCO Properties and this company held title to property until August 1974, when it was sold to Washington County. Washington County is currently converting the structure into a Restitution Center, using 15 to 20 inmates for construction labor. When completed, it will house 40 inmates immediately, but will eventually hold 138 prisoners.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

(Check all of the basic sources consulted and cite specific important sources)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Histories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sources | <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files | <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obituaries | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permits | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library | |

Local Library: _____ University Library: _____

Historical Society: _____ Other Repository: _____

Bibliography: Sources Consulted:

Hodine, Harry. Oregonian, June 29, 1985.

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